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T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East,

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. THOMAS ISAAC ROSE is autho-
rised to conduct the Business of the
BOONE COMPANY, LIMITED, at Hongkong,
and to Sign per Procuration.

JOHN HARVEY,
Managing Director.
London, December 14, 1877. fe28

NOTICE.
MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was
admitted a Partner in our Firm on
the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.
MR. H. P. MEYERINK has been
admitted a Partner in our Firm from
this Date.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1878. sp3

NOTICE.
MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY
was admitted a Partner in our
Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.
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MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style of
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will henceforward conduct the Agency of the
AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION
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G. R. STEVENS.
Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at
this Port, under the Style of Firm,
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ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS,
by
WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co.,
Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS,
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W. DUNPHY.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. sp10

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at
this Port, under the Style of Firm,
WONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS.
Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL, at Moderate Prices.

Mr. ANTHONY has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,
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Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

W. DUNPHY.
Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

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HAVE FOR SALE.

EX. M. M. S. S. "474,"

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IN NOYEAU.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS

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IN PATE.

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CHERBOURG BUTTER,

IN BOTTLES.

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&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

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THE BRITISH 3-MASTER SCHOONER

"RUBICON,"

of 204 Tons Register, or about 4,800 piculs

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Harbour.

Apply to

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Hongkong, February 25, 1878. mc2

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Apply to

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No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and

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Hongkong, February 18, 1878. mc18

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM

COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

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CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I,

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Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD

and MEYER, Shanghai; and MESSRS.

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Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

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RELIABLE,

ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

A CARD.

D. W. C. EASTLAKE, DENTIST,

can be Consulted at his Rooms,

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from

10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Hongkong, February 5, 1878. mc6

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS begs to say that he has

RETURNED, and is now ready to

receive Patients.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HIAGO AND NAGASAKI.

THIS S. S. *State of Alabama* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boat delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

JAROINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, February 20, 1878. fe27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 21st instant, at 4 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 27th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1878. fe27

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

SHIP CASHMERE, FROM CARDIFF.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby notified that she has arrived in Port, and requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878. mod

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Ex "Ava,"
FP (in diamond) No. 177/8 Order, from
2 cases Hats, London,
Hongkong, February 18, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"YESO."

Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, February 26, 1878. fe28

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the City Hall, on THURSDAY, the 7th Februario, 1878, at 4 p.m.

By Order,

E. GEORGE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. mod

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that the DRAWN BONDS of the above LOAN, and Interest due to 25th instant, will be Paid at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after that Date, upon presentation of the Provisional Certificates.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. mod

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

QUICKETTE, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAR, GOTHAN brig, Captain Kaemena, —Molchers & Co.

MARIE, German barque, Captain Hundewert.—Vieles & Co.

PALESTINE, British barque, Captain H. Scowcroft.—Tal Lee.

KILMARNEY, British steamer, Captain O'Neill.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

LORINA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain Schierloh.—Eduard Schellnass & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 25, Holbrook, British steamer, 383, f. Peters, Haiphong Feb. 20, Rice and General—Stearns & Co.

Feb. 25, Zambo, British steamer, 1460, Gardner G. Fox, Saigon Feb. 10, Rice—Molchers & Co.

Feb. 26, Heronius, German barque,

425, M. Ipcand, Keeling Feb. 19, and Amoy Feb. 23, Balash, Weller & Co., Feb. 26, Nouveau Mondelli, British barque, 385, Ober, Hiogo Feb. 16, Rice—W. M. Purcell & Co.

Feb. 26, Ningpo, British steamer, 761, R. Case, Shanghai Feb. 22, General—Siemens & Co.

Feb. 26, Nestor, British steamer, 1414, T. W. Freeman, Shanghai Feb. 19, via Amoy, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Feb. 26, Popa, German barque, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 25, Sun-kei, Chi, a.b., for a cruise.

26, Christine, for Takow.

26, Atalanta, for Saigon.

26, Belona, for Saigon.

26, Conquest, for Haiphong.

26, Eneraldo, for Amoy.

26, Thingville, for Shanghai.

26, Khiva, for Shanghai.

26, Ningpo, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, Madame Mariotti, Messrs. W. Cadwallader and Almeda, and 27 Chinese.

Per Nestor, from Shanghai via Amoy, Messrs. J. A. Leyenberger, Harvey A. Flint, B. Hoetink, and 500 Chinese.

Per Holbrook, from Haiphong, 12 Chinese.

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Per Nestor, from Shanghai via Amoy, Messrs. J. A. Leyenberger, Harvey A. Flint, B. Hoetink, and 500 Chinese.

Per Holbrook, from Haiphong, 12 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Conquest, for Haiphong, 60 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Holbrook* reports: First part thick fog, which detained us two days in the Haian Strait, from thence to port thick misty weather and strong N.E. wind.

The British steamer *Zanzibar* reports: First part moderate breeze with strong Southerly set (60 miles per day); latter part strong wind from N.E. with heavy sea.

Vessels in Saigon: S. S. Standard, Java, Cassandra, Malabar, and a few sailing ships. Spoke the British steamer *Minerva* from Hongkong bound to Saigon, outside Ladron Island.

The British barque *Nouveau Mondelli* reports: Last two days strong monsoon.

The British steamer *Ningpo* reports: Rainy weather and moderate monsoon throughout.

The British steamer *Nestor* reports: Fair winds all the way down.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—

Per Mahorajah, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

Per Pernambuco, at 8.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

Per Force, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For MANILA.—

Per Leyte, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—

Per Malacca, at 5.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—

Per Yesso, at 6 p.m. To-morrow, the 27th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Afonsa, at noon, on Thursday, the 28th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—

Per Normanby, at 10.30 a.m., on Friday, the 1st March. 12 cent rates.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The S. S. *Nestor*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on or about WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. fe27

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *INDUS*

will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.

This following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 27th instant.—

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIETZ Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 28th instant.—

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters, Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage till

11 A.M., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fe28

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 28:—

Daylight—Leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, March 1:—

11 a.m.—Normandy leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

Galle leaves for London, &c., on or about this date.

TUESDAY, March 2:—

6 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, March 7:—

Noon—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

4 p.m.—Meeting of H. K. General Chamber of Commerce, at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, March 8:—

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd, closed from this date to 22nd March, inclusive.

MONDAY, March 11:—

Oceanic & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco on or about this date.

FRIDAY, March 15:—

Noon—Naval Contract Tenders close for the supply of Provisions.

SUNDAY, March 22:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Subscribers of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Ava* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 7th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe

force which he felt sure the Government might rely upon for the maintenance of good order and the suppression of crime. The Colonial Government had obtained from England from time to time bodies of men who reflected credit on the Colonial police force. There were Inspectors and Sergeants amongst them who had gained their position by steady good conduct; they well deserved their good fortune and their future prospects were not forgotten. He would remind the others that they had equally good prospects of promotion in the future. To the contingent on his right (the Indians) he said they were a credit alike to Mr Creagh and to the Colony, and with regard to the Chinese contingent he might say that it was owing to the efficiency displayed by that force that Mr Creagh had advised an increase in the number of Sergeants, and in time Inspectors, and he would assure them that whatever Mr Creagh advised should receive his best attention. He then went on to say that he had no doubt the Government could rely on the force. We have troops, he said, but we thought we could establish in this Colony an armed force which in a contingency the Government could rely upon. He felt sure they could depend on the loyalty of those before him now, and when he saw how numerous they were, he felt he must supply them with more officers, and this matter was receiving his best attention. They might rely on his taking a personal interest in their welfare. He would now ask them to give three hearty cheers for the Queen. Mr Creagh then shewed His Excellency round the Police Barracks, and he made a very minute inspection. The telegraph wires to Pekin and Aberdeen were then worked, and Mr Afong afterwards made a photograph of the entire force. His Excellency being present. The Governor left about 4 o'clock.

RACING GOSSIP.

Monday, Feb. 26th.

A wretched morning rendered training operations anything but agreeable. As usual the élite of the racing community were present, but the early birds, generally identified with trials by moonlight, were conspicuous by their absence. The amount of work done was considerable, although hardly anything in the shape of fast galloping was attempted. The running track is in a deplorable state, the ground being perfectly rotten, and much in need of rolling, and any other practical improvement which the Clerk of the Course may have it in his power to carry out. We seldom care to be too severe on honorary officials, but really the interests of racing require some energetic action in rendering the course as good going and as safe for horsemen as it possibly can be made. Under ordinary circumstances and in the finest weather, our racecourse, on account of its sharp turns, is rather dangerous to ride over, but as it is now, a wretched quagmire full of holes, the chances of an accident, or a series of accidents, are increased a hundred fold. The hybrid executive of the Hongkong Races, (having no Racing Club, we are at a loss how to designate the committee of management) having, on dit, any amount of funds in hand, will probably see the necessity of re-turfing the whole, or greater portion of the running track when some unlucky jockey gets a broken neck.

The heavy going will doubtless have a material effect on the prospects of many candidates, and upset the shrewdest calculations. The track is certain to be heavy, no matter what kind of weather the gods may be pleased to favor us with between now and Thursday. Should Jupiter favoring however continue to oblige us, as seems very probable, a large majority of the races will go to the strong, rather than to the swift.

Soud, after a lot of walking and trotting exercise, galloped sharply for about six furlongs, moving well through the mud. This little black-tailed grey is bound to take a lot of beating in the shorter races for which he is entered. The Doctor, accompanied by a grey pony about whose identity we are not quite certain, went a little over a mile, and the old chestnut seemed able to pull over his rival the whole of the way albeit he went very short, and without any of the dash which brought him to the front last year. Sunbeam cantered twice round the course, and Daybreak went very freely in a short spin. The Babe, ridden by his owner, cantered and galloped a short distance in his well known resolute style. He failed, however, to please cognoscenti but this we fancy was more the fault of the rider than the horse, the gentleman's seat favoring far more of the soldier than of the jockey.

Black faith was out, but did nothing worthy of notice. Her stable companion, White Velvet, a very powerful pony by the way, galloped over a round of the course in a satisfactory fashion.

Claymore was indulged with a short trot, and old Newgate, ridden by the

lad at the Home Repository, who has a fine seat and hands, cantered slowly for three quarters of a mile, pulling up all right. The Nob did similar work piloted by Mr Nicholls, and we are glad to hear that this able horseman is likely to have the mount in the Garrison Cup. Boomerang went through some cantering exercise, winding up with a sharp burst; but we were not altogether satisfied with him. We are still of opinion that Dynamite will beat this dastardly in the Colonial Stakes, although Mr Grant's mare is not so well as could be wished.

The rocking horse Warlock cantered and galloped in his customary "three legged" style. This animal, properly managed, would make a fortune for an enterprising showman. (Mr Mold, kindly note.)

Cookshaker had a splendid gallop, moving in first class form through the heavy ground. "The clams" are not so far out of the hunt as public opinion of a recent date would seem to imply.

Bay Rum cantered but did nothing noteworthy, whilst Scylla had a long sweat in extra sheets. White Lily had also a short gallop, but seemed not quite at home in the heavy going. Jamboree, a rare goer, went strong and well for nearly two miles. We hear this cream-colored candidate did a rare trial over a mile a few days ago, so will be worth looking after. Temptation was said to have been well beaten in a trial before daylight; but we are unable to speak authoritatively on this point, not having seen the spin. Spur is also credited with having accomplished wonders, and is now a warm favorite for the Derby. We have no faith in the time test, and as they have nothing in Mr Kerfoot's stable capable of testing a Derby pony's capabilities at a mile and a half, we decline to believe in Spur. It seems strange, if Spur is so much superior to Whipoor, that it has taken such a long time to find it out.

Gun Cotton and Wanderer galloped nearly twice round, and the grey appeared to go the better at the finish. Old Scamp also made an impression by his resolute going, his action being as true as in his palmyt day.

Clickerman, a peculiarly marked but very well shaped youngster, did nice quiet work, and will probably perform respectably in the Canton Cup, or some other sprint.

The best gallop of the morning was between the Slasher, Ariel and Pawnee. A gallant colonel rode Slasher, Chinese boy Pawnee and "the man-eater" was steered by his owner. The ponies cantered twice round, and then galloped at racing pace for a mile. Entering the straight, Slasher was judiciously eased, but the other pair ran a desperate race home, Pawnee having a lot the best of the struggle at the finish, owing to carrying a much lighter weight, and to the extraordinary fashion in which Ariel was jockeyed. We were perfectly amazed at one rider's mode of finishing, as he nearly "jogged" his pony's head off. His inarticulate "awing" at the animal's mouth could only have one result, and as we expected, his pony was bleeding freely, when he returned to the paddock. It is no doubt a laudable ambition to aspire "to win the world with noble horsemanship"; but cruelty to animals and finished jockeyships are not synonymous terms, and with all due deference we venture to submit the opinion that the riding referred to was anything but a satisfactory exhibition.

Claymore is still the most fancied candidate for the Garrison Cup, and the Fair-sho's victory would be well received, for both horse and owner are extremely popular, but the heavy going will be all in favor of The Nob, and we think Mr Paul's gelding cannot be beaten.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

Police Intelligence.
(Before the Hon. O. May).

Feb. 26, 1878.

RETURNG FROM DEPORTATION.

Wong-a-San, a coolie, was sent to 12 months' hard labour for returning from deportation. He is one of the men who were released on account of the attention they paid to the sufferers by the Yau-tai explosion and had been eight times convicted.

DRUNK.

William Comden, a seaman unemployed and Michael Brank, seaman American ship *Humboldt*, were each fined 50 cents for the above offence.

GAMBLING.

Se Ayan, a shop coolie, was sent to 21 days' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond, for street gambling.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.) Out of 21,624 mil cigars offered for sale by auction, for exportation, on the 18th February, 7,931 mil were sold for a total sum of \$63,860.40, including \$7.80 of premium.

A shooting expedition returned the other day, after an absence of about a week with 112 head of game, viz., 102 deer and 10 wild boar.

A fire broke out in the district of Indian Cavite, when 27 houses and several stalls in the market were burnt.

A refiner of inscription for vessels to carry 12,000 quintals leaf tobacco from Manila to the Peninsula was opened on the 18th Feb., the term being 38 rates yellow for steamer and 20 for sailing vessels. The regular flight on the 18th Feb.

Several silver cups intended for the race meeting this year have been received from Germany, by Messrs Tillson Hermann and Co.

The British barque *Abernyie* arrived on the 19th Feb., and the British barque *Glenruin* on the 21st, both from Hongkong.

The British steamer *Coquette* arrived from Liverpool, via Singapore, on the 21st February.

The American barque *A. R. Bishop* is advertised to sail for London on the 21st February.

The Spanish barques *Conchita* and *Flores de Maria* are loading for Hongkong, and the British ship *Burdwan* is loading for Falmouth.

On the 14th February, a man lost his life while searching for anchors lost by different vessels in the roads of Zamboanga. He descended to the bed of the sea with diving apparatus at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and by half-past four his companion seeing that no signal was made from below, went on shore to report to the authorities of the occurrence. When the deceased was brought on shore and upon the diving dress was removed from him, life was found to be extinct. No cause has yet been assigned for the death.

An Iloilo correspondent, writing under date of Feb. 15, says that the operations in the sugar market continue to be very limited. The result of the present crop will be one third less than what was estimated, owing to the effects of the drought and locusts. There was a demand for grain, but a few days ago 15,000 cavanes arrived from Albay and the price had not been raised to more than \$3.2 for current and \$8.8 for white. Nothing important to report in sapanwood, but some demand is expected to load the vessels that have to return to your port. The Spanish ship *Chica* is taking in government tobacco and will leave for Europe about the end of this month.

Japan.
(Gazette.)

The Russian corvette *Boyan*, with the Admiral in command of the squadron in these waters on board, arrived this morning (Feb. 12th) from Nagasaki. The *Haydachan* and the *Weidnick* are expected to arrive shortly.

The wreck of the Russian war-sloop *Abel* was sold to-day at the Russian Vice-Consulate, by public auction, and brought as it lies, \$1,000. It was knocked down to Messrs J. D. Carroll & Co.

It has been suggested, and we think with good reason, that an agency for the Torres Straits line of steamers between Hongkong and Sydney would be very useful and well supported in Yokohama. Arrangements could be made for the receipt of freight and passage money by one of the houses here, which would have frequent opportunity to forward cargo and passengers by steamer to Hongkong, there to connect with the regular line to Australia.

At the instance of Mr de Groot, Belgian Minister, Mr Sameshima, Minister for Japan in France, has been appointed also to represent this country at the Belgian Court.

THE TURKISH FLEET.
(Friend of India.)

It is very difficult to see where compensation to Russia for the cost of this war, is to be found. She herself, wisely recognizing the facts of things, in other words that Europe will not permit her to find compensation in Europe, turns to Armenia and it in the course of territory in that quarter, that she will doubtless demand as one of the conditions of peace. She has captured Kars three times over in the last 50 years, and will now in all likelihood retain it, and receive therewith the coast line from Batoum to Trebizond. No candid person can doubt, that the transfer of this territory to her, will be an almost unmixed good to the people and a gain to the world at large. She will probably also stipulate for the cession of the Turkish ironclads, with the means of constructing which English capitalists in their folly have been furnishing her for the last 20 years. The two largest of these ironclads are the sister-ships *Misandir* and *Mendivis*, launched only three years ago at Blackwall, by the Thames Ship-building Company. These two marvellous vessels are each of a burthen of 9000 tons displacement, 332 feet long, and with an extreme breath of 50 feet. Each vessel carries twelve 18-ton, guns throwing 400lb shot. Two other notable ironclads are the *Aziz-Ul-Hikmat* and the *Musul Zaffer*, or Aid to Victory, built respectively by the Thames Iron Works and Samuda Brothers in 1869. They are exceedingly formidable ships, and are said to be the highest speed war-vessels afloat of their tonnage. The total ironclad fleet consists of 21 vessels, including 5 gunboats.

This powerful fleet has been constructed out of English Capital. The very first foreign loan opened by Turkey was the loan of 1852, contracted in London, through Dent, Palmer and Co., to enable her to carry on the Crimean war. The second loan was contracted under the joint guarantee of England and France in 1860. From that date, the opening of new loans was incessant, down to the seventh of the series, negotiated by Mr Laing in 1864, to the amount of \$38,000,000 sterling. The reckless borrowing that then began may be seen at a glance from the following figures—

1855	\$ 6,000,000	@ 6 per cent.
1857	2,500,000	" "
1859	20,000,000	" "
1871	5,700,000	" "
1872	11,000,000	" "
1873	25,000,000	" "
1874	40,000,000	" "

LONDON GOSSIP.
(Pioneer.)

Jan. 4th, 1878.

A man who has just come into the room where I am writing says that there are a score of sandwich men at this moment parading Piccadilly, bearing placards with great letters—“En lahuman Arista. In great letters—in Danzig.” A Factotum is striving to hurry you into war; an unjust, perilous, and costly war, which would bring shame for ever on the fair fame of England, and terribly aggravate the existing distresses; or words to that effect. My informant conjectures that the placards are issued by the Trades Union Committee, and that they are intended to excite a popular agitation which might then be directed to the advantage of the masons' strike. These masons, by the bye, are getting furious under the prospect of defeat. You will see accounts in the papers of the brutal onslaughts made by English roughs (of course not by masons, nor by blackguards instigated by them) on the German

workmen at the Law Courts. Talk of years later this second wife died. The corespondent in the divorce suit also died, though at what period the fourteen years I do not know. But two months ago, when the original husband and wife met accidentally at Brighton for the first time after fourteen years, they had long been respectively, widower and widow.

You might have expected the rencontre to be a mutually embarrassing one. It does not appear to have been so. The first time they passed each other, they could not help smiling. The second time they bowed. The third time the lady frankly came forward, and holding out her hand said:—"Don't you think we were both very foolish fourteen years ago?" The gentlewoman appears to have quite agreed with her, for they re-met to each other three weeks ago at Brighton; and far from being bashful over the matter, had a handsome wedding-breakfast on the occasion; and the story was told me, with names and all confidences, so equally well throughout as this Latin one was last night at Westminster.

A good many of your readers no doubt are “old Westminsters,” but a great many more of them are not. I may therefore be excused for attempting to convey to you a portion of my own surprise at the performance commonly known as “The Westminster Play.” Strange to say I had never witnessed it until last night, and yet this is not so strange, for I never before had an opportunity. It is a case of non civis hominum: it is not so easy to get a ticket. If it were otherwise—if admission could be got for the asking—there would not be such diplomacy and importunity exerted by the fair sex for the privilege of hearing a long play, of which they do not presumably understand a word. The fact is, that the accommodation for spectators is very limited. After allowing space for the Westminster boys themselves there is only room for exactly 800 guests, i.e., 240 men and 60 ladies. These sixty tickets are distributed among very great ladies, the personal friends of Dean Stanley and Dr Scott, the Head Master, or the mothers and sisters of the Westminster boys who actually perform in the play. One of the oddities of the Westminster theatre is that the lady-spectators all sit together, with no admixture of men. In the immediate front of the stage, on the floor of the house, are ten rows of ten chairs each, corresponding to the stalls at an ordinary theatre; which are set apart for “old Westminsters.” On each side of this reserved space, and behind it, rise tiers of chairs, one tier above another. The ladies have the monopoly of one side, the other is appropriated to masters of the School and the more distinguished guests, while the less distinguished male visitors occupy the front and lower rows of the gallery behind; and the serried ranks of Westminster boys stretch away in the background to where the eye can scarcely pierce the gloom. It may show the competition that exists among ladies for the privilege of being bored by a Latin play, when I say that a real live Committee was sitting, the only woman, among the great flock of men. She had written to Dr Scott for a lady's ticket, but he had been obliged to express his regret that all had been given away. The lady however was not to be baffled. She managed to get a “gentleman's” ticket, and presuming upon her rank, I suppose, that she was, to the scandal of the school authorities, sitting, the only representative of her sex, among the gentlemen, and chattering away with the Master of the Rolls as if she thought she had the best of it. The auditorium part of this famous theatre is very curious. It is an immensely long and lofty room, and about fifty feet wide, called “The Dormitory,” ordinarily partitioned off into thirty-two little separate sleeping-rooms, each containing a bed, a chest of drawers, a washing-stand, and two chairs. You may judge therefore of its size. All these sleeping and dressing arrangements were of course swept away for the requirements of the drama, and heaven only knows where the thirty-two boys slept. But this clean sweep, and the introduction of chairs and galleries, sum up the efforts at adornment. The walls are yellow and brown and black with age and want of paint, covered with thousands of names of former scholars, who seem to have been allowed for ages to paint their initials or names, in sizes of their own fancy, all over the place. Deciphering these was not quite our only recreation during the interval before the curtain rose, for the band of the Coldstream Guards was in attendance somewhere close, although invisible, and gave us quantities of capital music during the evening. Nevertheless, compared with the public theatres of London, brilliant with gold and colour, it must be confessed that this great room, crowded with men in black coats and white ties, relieved only by one patch of feminine costumes, bounded by those dingy walls, and not very well lighted, was rather dreary spectacle. Then suddenly the curtain rose; and what a change! I am speaking quite soberly, and without the least exaggeration, when I say that no theatre in London exhibits at this moment anything so beautiful as the scene the stage presented. As for any rivalry from private theatricals the idea is preposterous. I have been at Sir Percy Shelley's theatre at Boscombe, and Sir Ivor Guest's at Canford, but neither can vie for a moment, either in scale or finish, with this boy's theatre at Westminster. The scene was a conjectural representation of ancient Athens. No indulgence was needed. To talk of making allowances would be an insult. The spectacle challenged and defied criticism. It was a beautiful work of art. Standford, guided by Schleimann, could have done nothing finer. It is true there was no great variety of scenery, only one other picture of an ancient amphitheatre being presented. That too, though less wonderful than the view of Athens, was admirably painted. Somebody near me said they were by Telbin, but I forgot to ask for positive information. And now as to the performances. First there was a very clever Latin prologue, very well delivered by the Captain of Westminster, who by the bye, was dressed according to usage in silk-gown, knee breeches, black silk stockings, and steel shoe-buckles. The prologue consisted, first, of a mournful tribute to the most eminent “old Westminsters” who had died during the year—Sir David Dundas, Mr James Mure, Bishop Milman, and Viscount Gage—and, secondly, a sarcastic reference to the attacks which had been made in some of the papers upon the management of the school, which attacks had had the sad effect (as the orator informed us) of increasing so greatly the number of applications for admission, that it would be necessary to provide more boarding-houses accommodation for pupils; and that in the meanwhile many applicants were unavoidably rejected. Then the Play,

the *Adelphi* of Terence, began. When you think that perhaps none of the ladies, and probably not many more than half the men, could really follow the dialogue with facility, it says much for the vivacity and point of the acting that the applause was frequent, in parts almost continuous, apparently quite unfeigned, and sometimes absolutely enthusiastic. I was myself astonished at the excellence of the acting and elocution, but even more astonished at the evidently genuine enjoyment it produced. It is true that one of the masters told me that it was the best corps dramatique the School had possessed for many years. There was no prompting; there was no break-down; there was even no character inadequately sustained; there was no one to appear in the least degree nervous. To give an honest idea of my impression, I will say that only once in my life have I seen an English piece performed so equally well throughout as this Latin one was last night at Westminster. To explain the thoroughness with which these Westminster plays are prepared, it is well to recall that they are not mere exhibitions to show off the Latin proficiency of the scholars; they are a matter of very practical business. The performance of a Latin play annually (except in years marked by the death of a member of the Royal Family, or of one of a few other personages in the tenure by which the school holds, under Queen Elizabeth's grant, the greater part of its large estates). A natural consequence of this frequent (or at least annual) recurrence of a play has been the gradual accumulation of a great stock of classical costumes, scenery, and properties. It is not surprising, therefore, that the dresses last night were (except that the actors did not wear masks) absolutely faultless in Atticism. In short I could not be more sincere without getting into superlatives in describing the almost pedantic completeness with which the whole affair was got up.

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Vessel's Name	Ackers- sge.	Captain	Flag	Tons	Date of Arrival	Consignees or Agents	Destination	Remarks
Steamers								
Albany	2 c	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 27	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Haihung	K'loon Dock
Altona	2 c	Müller	Ger. str.	1179	Feb. 1	Wm. Bustan & Co.	Salon	K'loon Dock 28th Inst.
Amboina	2 c	Brown	Brit. str.	973	Feb. 2	Meyer & Co.	Swatow	Laid up
Bawali	2 h	Buchanan	Brit. str.	998	Feb. 2	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Manila	K'loon Dock
Bombay	2 h	Green	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 3	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	To-day
Batawan	2 h	Tremoya	Span. str.	838	Jan. 29	Russell & Co.	Coast Ports	Akyo
Camoes	2 h		Brit. str.	945	Oct. 24	Kwok Acheong	Haiphong	Tai-mui, etc.
Douglas	2 h	Ackermann	Ger. str.	864	Feb. 1	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	Today
Emeralda	5 c	Pitman	Brit. str.	995	Feb. 2	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	Tomorrow
Haihung	1	Abbott	Brit. str.	327	Feb. 2	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Akyo	To-day
Holyrood	1	Peters	Brit. str.	393	Feb. 2	Siemens & Co.	Tai-mui, etc.	1st part.
Indus	3 b	Shallard	Brit. str.	2234	Feb. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europa, etc.	Novelty Wharf
Keinchow	2 b	Lee	Brit. str.	1026				